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House Resolution 805

By: Representatives Loudermilk of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Maxwell of the 17<sup>th</sup>, Graves of the 12<sup>th</sup>, and Battles of the 15<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Celebrating and honoring the life of Mr. Jack Davis Malone; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, since the founding of our great nation, many Americans have stepped forward
- 3 to serve as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty through service in the armed forces;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Jack Davis Malone was born March 22, 1922, in the Sugar Valley
- 6 community of Northwest Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, during the onset of World War II, Mr. Malone enlisted in the United States
- 8 Army, completing basic training in Oregon, desert training in Arizona, and mountain training
- 9 in Colorado before he was deployed with Company G, 414th Infantry regiment of the famed
- 10 104th Timberwolf Division which was the first Army unit to enter the European theater; and
- 11 WHEREAS, upon entering the war, Mr. Malone and his unit marched 25 miles from their
- 12 landing position in Normandy to meet their troop transport which carried them to Belgium;
- 13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, during his first engagement in combat, Mr. Malone and his outfit advanced 500
- 15 yards crawling on their stomachs after being pinned down by German fire only to be halted
- 16 from their heroic advancement by an overwhelming attack that killed 25 soldiers including
- 17 the company's commander; and
- 18 WHEREAS, despite the devastating gunfire, the Timberwolf Division successfully drove the
- 19 Germans out of the area and took control of the harbor in Belgium and Holland; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Mr. Malone and his unit moved across the Siegfried Line into Germany where
- 21 they conducted numerous night attacks against German positions; and

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22 WHEREAS, Mr. Malone was injured twice during the war, the first time while he was

- 23 serving as platoon leader and was hit by enemy forces as he advanced his unit during a night
- 24 attack; and
- 25 WHEREAS, Mr. Malone's second injury occurred near the end of the war when his unit was
- ambushed by well-camouflaged German combatants as they advanced into a German town
- 27 without adequate cover; and
- 28 WHEREAS, Mr. Malone demonstrated bravery and valor by remaining with a wounded
- 29 soldier during the attack which ultimately resulted in his own injuries; and
- 30 WHEREAS, during the war, Mr. Malone saw extensive combat in Belgium, Holland, and
- 31 Germany, and his heroism was awarded with numerous medals and citations, including the
- 32 Silver Star, the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Expert Combat
- 33 Infantryman's Badge; and
- 34 WHEREAS, Mr. Malone embodies the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something
- 35 greater than himself; his courageous actions have brought great distinction to himself, his
- state, and this nation; and his extraordinary service have brought inspiration and honor to all
- 37 who have had the privilege of knowing him, including his wife, the late Mattie Bell Andrews,
- and their three children, Sylvia, Nancy, and Guy.
- 39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 40 the members of this body commend Mr. Jack Davis Malone for his unselfish and dedicated
- 41 service to the citizens of his country and extend their most profound appreciation for him and
- 42 all members of the United States military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice
- 43 upon the altar of freedom.
- 44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jack Davis Malone.